



## Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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### New Information Is In Blue

Event Name	20-0012 Hurricane Hanna (EM-3530)
Date	July 31, 2020
Time	0900
Operational Period	July 30 to July 31, 2020
Report Number	8

### Regions Affected

DPS Regions Affected	3
DDCs Active	DDC's 20 & 21

**STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:** Local jurisdictions along with State and Federal partners and Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOADs) continued with recovery efforts from Hurricane Hanna.

**Weather:** The NWS Brownsville Office has posted their initial report about Hurricane Hanna to their website: [https://www.weather.gov/bro/2020event\\_hanna](https://www.weather.gov/bro/2020event_hanna), which will be updated with more information as it becomes available.

NWS Brownsville: No significant/hazardous weather forecasted for July 31.

**Hydrology:** Slow-moving flood wave continues to move down the Rio Grande. A Flood Warning remains in effect for the Rio Grande at San Benito, as it was forecast to reach minor flood stage late Thursday evening and crest at 55.3 ft. Friday morning. It is expected to fall below flood stage again Friday afternoon. There is still some uncertainty with regard to this timing, however, and it is expected to remain above action stage for several days thereafter. Will also have to monitor at Brownsville as the wave continues downstream, though it is not currently forecast to reach flood stage.

On July 28, Governor Greg Abbott visited Corpus Christi to meet with local officials and survey storm damage left by Hurricane Hanna over the weekend. The Governor thanked officials for their leadership during these difficult times and reaffirmed the Lone Star State's commitment to helping the victims of Hurricane Hanna. Governor Abbott was joined by Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) Chief Nim Kidd.

Home and business owners who faced damage as a result of Hurricane Hanna are encouraged to submit a [damage survey](#), which will allow TDEM to request more resources and volunteers into the area to help.

Governor Abbott has waived certain regulations related to commercial trucking in the state of Texas. These suspensions will allow commercial drivers to more quickly deliver supplies, specifically electric power poles, to communities in the Rio Grande Valley and the Coastal Bend that were directly impacted by Hurricane Hanna.

On July 26, Governor Abbott announced that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and President Trump have granted a Federal Emergency Declaration (EM-3530) request for Public Assistance Category B (Emergency Protective Measures). Specifically, FEMA is authorized to provide emergency protective measures (Category B), limited to direct Federal assistance and reimbursement for mass care including evacuation and shelter support at 75 percent federal funding.

On July 25, Governor Abbott held a press conference at the Alternate State Operations Center in Austin where he provided an update on the state's response to Hurricane Hanna.

The Governor issued the disaster declaration for Aransas, Bee, Bexar, Brazoria, Brooks, Calhoun, Cameron, Dimmit, Duval, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Harris, Hidalgo, Jackson, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, La Salle, Live Oak, Matagorda, McMullen, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, Starr, Victoria, Webb, Wharton, Willacy, and Zapata counties. The declaration provides the Governor, the ability to waive statutes or administrative rules that may hinder the response or recovery, as well as the ability to ask for federal assistance in response to Hurricane Hanna.

For more flood safety tips, [visit ready.gov](#).

[View the Governor's Disaster Declaration](#)

[View the Federal Emergency Declaration Request](#)

#### **OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:**

1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid & effective response.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.

#### **Region 3 (Includes DDCs 19, 20, 21, and 24)**

**DDC 20 – Corpus Christi** (Includes: Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio and San Patricio Counties)

Efforts are focusing on damage assessment and recovery. NWS has begun assessing storm damage and verification of what occurred. The vast majority of damage occurred along the coastline with storm surge and beach erosion. Beach erosion was 10-30 feet in areas. Docks,

tee heads, piers and structures on or near the affected coastline have created debris on the inline windward side opposite of the barrier islands.

Kleberg County has concerns regarding wet debris in Baffin Bay and that is being assessed. Wet debris is a concern along the entire coastline from Aransas County to Kenedy County. These affected counties have initiated the process of removing the wet debris. There are no reports of current power outages in district 20.

**DDC 21 – Weslaco** (Includes: Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy Counties)

Counties continue to make progress in the de-watering process; vector control and debris pick up will be top priorities in the next few days. State pumps are located in the following locations: 5 in Cameron County, 8 in Hidalgo County, 2 in Willacy County, 3 in the City of Edinburg, 1 in the City of Mercedes, 2 in the City of La Villa, 2 are out of service and 2 in reserve.

**Cameron County:** The Cities of La Feria, Santa Rosa, Rio Hondo, Los Fresnos & North Harlingen continue to see rising waters and power outages. 696 customers are still without power. Cameron County Public Works Department is preparing debris removal to start on Monday, August 3. Based on current assessments 20 homes have had major damage, 36 minimal and 36 affected. The shelter at 901 Pancho Maples Dr in La Feria remains open with a population of 25. The County is operating a call center, 30 calls have been received. 3 State pumps are operating, with 2 additional scheduled to be on line Thursday or Friday. 8 roads remain closed.

**Hidalgo County:** Local jurisdictions are continuing damage assessments, debris and vector control will become higher priorities over the next few days. De-watering operations continue. 14 State pumps are located in Hidalgo County, supplementing local pumps. An estimated 9,000 customers are still without power. 22 roads are affected: 4 remain closed and 17 have water on the road. THP is also providing security at 3 Texas Health and Human Services Commission sites: Alamo, Weslaco, and Edinburg.

**Willacy County:** A Point of Distribution (POD) remains open in Raymondville; TMD, TDEM and TFS are coordinating with the County to distribute the ice and water. Additional trucks with ice & water are en-route. Power restoration is progressing, cell reception is improving as AT&T towers have been repaired. 4 roads remain closed and 3 have water on them. The POD operation is expected to continue until at least August 2.

Thursday the POD in Willacy County delivered:

Water	Ice	MRE's
19 Pallets =	20 Pallets =	11 Pallets =
1,596 cases	4,160 bags	6,336 meals

## RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

**Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM), Texas A&M University System (TAMUS):** The State of Texas State Operations Center remains at Readiness Level II Escalated Response Conditions, with Daily Operations staff processing disaster declarations, letters to the Governor, Disaster Summary Outlines, State of Texas Assistance Requests (STARs), as well as disseminating severe weather messages, preparing Snapshots and the

State SITREP. The State Management Team (SMT) continues conducting operations in the alternate State Operations Center, working together with activated members of the State's Emergency Management Council. TDEM District Coordinators are working closely with their local emergency management partners to assist with unmet needs and resources.

**TDEM Communications Coordination Group (CCG):** The TDEM CCG is actively monitoring communications systems in the affected region and coordinating for the needed support where it's needed.

**TDEM Disaster Recovery Task Force (DRTF):** The TDEM Disaster Recovery Task Force has three members who deployed to DDC-21 Weslaco to assist with damage assessments, volunteer and donations management, and Long Term Recovery Group engagement.

**Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) Texas Task Force – One (TX-TF1):**  
Demobilized 2 Swift Water Rescue Squads and High Profile Vehicle at 3 PM Thursday, July 30.

**Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS):** TFS currently has 12 personnel committed to Hurricane Hanna recovery and is providing planning and logistical support to the TDEM. Operational activities include Situation Reports, STAR processing, and resource tracking of pumps and generators.

**Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT):** AEP has made significant progress on outages Thursday, so much so that they believe they will have all major restoration activities completed by Friday night. Magic Valley Electric Cooperative had two substations go down, East Raymondville and Lasara, neither were a total loss. East Raymondville went back online Wednesday, and Lasara is still on schedule to be back online Friday night.

**Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ):** TCEQ staff completed the calls to the public drinking water systems (PWS) and wastewater treatment facilities located in Nueces, Kleberg, Jim Wells, Cameron, Hidalgo, Willacy, and Starr Counties. The following systems have reported issues:

Public Drinking Water Systems (PWS):

All 85 community PWS have been contacted. TCEQ Harlingen regional staff conducted site visits on July 29, to Sebastian Municipal Utilities District (MUD), North Alamo Water Supply Corporation (NAWSC), and City of La Joya for on-site assessments and technical assistance. Two PWS continue to operate on generators and one system is partially operational.

- Sebastian MUD is operating on generator and is under a boil water notice (BWN) due to low water pressure.
- Port Mansfield PWS is operating on a generator with no operational issues. Tank has been refilled.
- North Alamo Water Supply Corporation (NAWSC) issued a BWN for the San Perlita and Willamar areas. The NAWSC La Sara plant is currently offline without power. San Perlita and Willamar are being serviced with no issues through interconnects with NAWSC Plant No. 7 and City of Raymondville.
- City of La Joya Water System is now on grid power and has taken required samples to lift the BWN if samples are negative of coliform bacteria.

Wastewater treatment facilities (WWTF):

All 91 wastewater systems have been contacted. TCEQ Harlingen regional staff conducted site visits on July 29, to City of Santa Rosa, City of La Joya, City of Peñitas, and Winter Garden Park. Eight wastewater systems are currently on a generator.

- Agua Special Utilities District, City of Edinburg, City of La Villa, North Alamo WSC La Sara WWTP, City of San Juan, City of Donna, Port Mansfield, and Winter Garden Park were reported to be operating on generators.
- City of La Joya WWTF operators were able to dewater area and access the facility. The WWTF is capturing and treating wastewater through the lagoon system and only a flow meter is lacking power. Lift stations are on grid power.
- Winter Garden Park is operating on generator.
- City of Santa Rosa and City of Peñitas are on grid power with no significant operational issues.

#### Temporary Debris Management Sites (TDMS)

TCEQ Harlingen regional office has received six TDMS applications for

- City of Mission
- Hidalgo County Pct. 2 Lopezville Park
- Hidalgo County Pct. 1 Donna Collection Site
- Hidalgo County Pct. 1 Sunset Park Citizens Collection Station
- Hidalgo County Pct. 1 Mercedes Collection Site
- Hidalgo County Pct. 1 Monte Alto Collection Site

The TCEQ Hurricane Hanna website is now live at  
<https://www.tceq.texas.gov/response/hurricanes/hanna>

**Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS):** Texas Department of Public Safety Aviation has rostered and staged resources (helicopter with hoist capabilities) in Houston and San Antonio to respond to areas impacted by Hurricane Hanna. THP Tactical Marine Unit (TMU) has rostered and staged resources (shallow water boats, swift water boats) in Weslaco, Rockport, Port Lavaca to assist with water rescues. Dive Recovery Teams are staged across Texas for any emergency response. They have two hoist operators/rescue swimmers on call to deploy with DPS Aircraft when mobilized. DPS personnel in South Texas Region patrolling area of responsibility monitoring storm and standby ready to respond.

#### Mission Information and Details

- DPS Aviation 107 in response to Hurricane Hanna conducted an aerial reconnaissance flight in the following areas: Corpus Christi, Kingsville, Port Mansfield, Raymondville, Harlingen, Mid Valley and Mission.
- DDC-21 requested DPS Tactical Marine Unit (TMU) staged in Weslaco to conduct drone and aerial reconnaissance in La Feria, Santa Rosa, Combes, and Primera. While surveying the Combes/Harlingen area TMU personnel rendered assistance to an individual whose vehicle was stuck in water and in the bar ditch.

**Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS):** DSHS has worked to get Alternate Care Sites established recently for COVID-19 response.

#### State-Operated Medical Shelters

- Freeman Coliseum (San Antonio)
- Hotel in Pharr, TX Ready to receive patients

**Texas Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF):** EMTF has 4 severe weather packages on standby. A Severe Weather Package includes: [1] Task Force Leader; [1] Medical Incident Support Team; [1] AMBUS; [1] Ambulance Strike Team.

**Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):** TxDOT is monitoring roads for flooding, clearing debris, and making repairs as needed. [TxDOT has a total of 37 roads affected by flooding with 14 of those roads closed.](#) TxDOT is supporting the POD site in Willacy County with 30 cones. TxDOT is supporting the SOC virtually.

**Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC):** HHSC is reporting a power outage at a state run behavioral/mental health hospital in the Rio Grande Valley. COVID units at the hospital do not have HVAC or Negative Pressure capability on generator. Hospital is on generator power with limited coverage. Crews are onsite trying to restore power.

**Texas Military Department (TMD):** TMD currently has 103 personnel and 25 vehicles in support of the Hurricane Hanna Response. TMD is supporting DDC-20 with a Military District Coordinator. TMD is supporting the Rio Grande Valley with shelter operations teams.

**Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPWD):** TPWD remains ready with resources consisting of Texas Game Wardens and State Parks Police Officers equipped with swift water boats, shallow water boats to support in areas affected by Hurricane Hanna.

#### Mission Information and Details

- TPWD LE continues manning its disaster district chairperson seat at DDC 21 Weslaco daily.
- [TPWD's Unmanned Aircraft System \(UAS\) team is assisting DDC 20 with debris documentation along the Kleberg County shoreline to identify debris hazards in the water. Also, to document any navigational channel markers that may have been displaced during Hurricane Hanna.](#)

**Texas Wing Civil Air Patrol (CAP):** CAP has dispatched aircraft and crews from Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana to conduct aerial photo reconnaissance missions of the damaged areas in South Texas from Hurricane Hanna.

#### **Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOADs)**

**2-1-1:** 2-1-1 is requesting partner agencies add all public-facing services and operations (feeding sites, hygiene kits, cleaning kits) to the 2-1-1 website or email [Melissa.Korpi@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:Melissa.Korpi@hhsc.state.tx.us) (Interim Disaster Coordinator for 2-1-1)

#### **American Red Cross (ARC)**

- Overnight populations: (4) shelters open
- [One](#) congregate shelter in La Feria (population: 26) and Elsa (population: 11)
- Non-congregate shelters: Corpus Christi (population 1) and Weslaco (population: 103)
- Focusing volunteers on mass care needs and utilizing the disaster survivor information collected through TDEM

**Coastal Bend VOAD:** Still waiting for damage assessment information.

**Crisis Clean-up:** Currently on stand-by and waiting for a local request to establish an incident online / survivor hotline phone number

**Feeding Texas:** The following 3 Members of Feeding Texas are responding to Hurricane Hanna:

Coastal Bend Food Bank

- Coastal Bend Food Bank is fine. All agencies are operational. Most of the damage was in the Kennedy, Kleberg and Brooks counties but the EOC's in those counties are not requesting any assistance at this time.
- Operations are normal, pantries are open in all areas.

Food Bank of the Rio Grande Valley:

- Pounds distributed so far for Hurricane Hanna relief = 610,653
- FBRGV had held drive thru emergency pantries
- Disaster Partner Agencies opened in Edinburg and Monte Alto
- An emergency produce distribution was done in Lasara

South Texas Food Bank

- South Texas Food Bank is assisting Starr County officials and VOAD. Watching for more flooding in the area and coordinating with their local VOAD to assist in operations.
- Coordinating with the County Judge to provide food water and volunteers where needed.
- Conducting mobile distributions in Starr County
- Coordinating volunteer management and assisting the Feeding Taskforce with information regarding feeding needs in the valley.

**Houston Community ToolBank:** The Houston Community ToolBank is on standby and ready to support any organization who needs tools for muck and gutting, debris removal or any other efforts in response to Hurricane Hanna. We are lending tools for free. Here is a link to our inventory: [www.houstontoolbank.org](http://www.houstontoolbank.org). We also have utility trailers, dump trailers and enclosed trailers available for free. Muck-Out kits and hand-washing stations are available in addition to standard resources.

**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (LDS)**

- Assessing needs and exploring the need for clean-up crews in the RGV
- Requested information on volunteer safety regulations regarding response during COVID-19

**Lutheran Church (LCMS) – Texas District**

- Teams in Harlingen
- 1-2 pallets of cleaning supplies

**Southern Baptist Texas Convention (SBTC)**

- 2 Quick Response Feeding Units in Hidalgo County (Edinburgh and Mission)
- 1 Team and Mobile Command Post
- 1 Pickup Truck
- 1 Recovery Team

- 1 Van Unit
- 1 55 KW generator
- 1 Shower and laundry Unit
- Toll free number for survivors needing help with chainsaw or mud-out: 855.728.2374.
- 16 Volunteers, 2,440 Meals Prepared, 360 Volunteer Hours

#### **United Methodist Church – Rio Texas Conference**

- 700 flood buckets delivered to First UMC in Mission, TX
- UMC has minimal tarps, 300 flood buckets, and 2 generators available for VOAD member partners

**The Salvation Army (TSA):** Coordination calls with local, state, and federal partners to include VOAD partner agencies have commenced. TSA SOC Center Liaison will be supporting virtually. TSA continues to engage and coordinate with local and state Emergency Management and other partner agencies providing food and hydration in the affected areas. [To date: meals served-11,146, snacks & drinks-9,154.](#)

#### Mission Information and Details



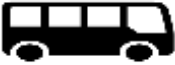


- Service delivery link:  
[https://app.usfleettracking.com/view/8E9Ef9g2jLKqbAXTBwhskiHs4sV7FCQkztJHKI7kaAn2Rgs\\_?mobile=false](https://app.usfleettracking.com/view/8E9Ef9g2jLKqbAXTBwhskiHs4sV7FCQkztJHKI7kaAn2Rgs_?mobile=false)
- TSA is currently providing food and hydration at these locations: Corpus Christi, Laguna Vista, Sullivan City, Port Mansfield, McAllen, and Flour Bluff.
- Food service is pending for the North Beach area (Nueces County) until the water recedes.
- The San Antonio Canteen has been reassigned to Corpus Christi as services were not needed in Kingsville.
- 1 Semi-load of bulk items (Snacks, Bleach, Tarps, Trash Bags, and Clean up kits) will arrive in McAllen Tuesday for distribution.
- 2 Canteens (Laredo and Bryan) are on standby until further assessments are done.
- TSA along with its feeding partners are working closely with local jurisdictions to ensure resources are not duplicated.
- Planning for bulk distribution is ongoing.
- [Southern Baptist Texas Convention has provided 7 volunteers to their McAllen Corps, preparing hot meals in their kitchen for distribution.](#)
- TSA is currently providing food and hydration at these locations:

Unit	Locations	Address
Austin	Sullivan City Fire Department	500 Cenizo Dr. Sullivan City
Kerrville	Palm View Greggs Ballroom	434 W. Expway 83 Mission
Victoria	Port Mansfield Comm Center	101 E. Port Dr. Port Mansfield
Victoria	San Perlita Community Center	14085 FM 2209 Raymondville
San Antonio	Sebastian Fire Station	Bus 77 & Main Street
San Antonio	Lyford Fire Station	8124 US 77 Bus Lyford
Drop-off	Palm Aire Hotel (ARC)	415 S. Inter'l Blvd. Weslaco
Drop-off	La Feria Dome (ARC)	1700 S. Main St. La Feria
McAllen	McAllen TSA	1600 N. 23rd

If you sustained damage, to your home or business, as a result of Hurricane Hanna, please utilize the link below to submit a damage survey. Within the survey, disaster survivors will have the opportunity request assistance from VOAD's. This information, will facilitate us requesting additional resources and volunteers into the area affected. <https://arcg.is/0C8GSj>

## RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

### STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

AMBULANCES	BOATS	BUSES	AIRCRAFT	HIGH-PROFILE
				
<b>18</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>30</b>

Type	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
TDEM TAMUS	Alamo Area Regional Command – Evacuee Shelter Reception Center	12	30	Activated	Lower Rio Grande Valley
TDEM TAMUS	Evacuation Buses	25	25	Activated	SOC
TDEM TAMUS	Sanitation Packages			Available	SOC
TDEM TAMUS	TDEM Disaster Recovery Task Force	3		Assigned	DDC 21
Texas A&M TFS	ESF4 Rep	1		Assigned	Austin SOC
Texas A&M TFS	EOC Support	3		Assigned	College Station
Texas A&M TFS	IMT	4		Assigned	DDC 21
Texas A&M TFS	Resource Tracking Team	3		En-Route	DDC 21
Texas A&M TFS	POD Support	1		Assigned	Willacy County

Type	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
DPS Aviation	Aircraft/ W Hoist	2	2	Assigned	San Antonio-Houston
DPS Boat Team 1 and 6	Flood water boat	4	4	Activated	Weslaco
DPS Boat 3	Flood water boat	2	1	Activated	Rockport
DPS Boat	29 foot yellow fin shallow	3	1	Activated	Rockport
DPS Boat Team 4	Flood water boat	4	2	Activated	Port Lavaca
DPS Boat	29 foot yellow fin shallow	3	3	Activated	Port Lavaca
DPS Dive Team	Dive Recovery Team		6	Activated	Statewide
DSHS	Ambulance Strike Teams (EMTF)	36	18	Activated	Hidalgo, Cameron, Starr Counties
DSHS	Staging Area (TFL & MIST) (EMTF)	6	0	Activated	Pharr
TMD	Ground Transportation Platoon (GTP)	10	5	En Route	Weslaco
TMD	GTP	10	5	Assigned	Weslaco
TMD	GTP	10	5	En Route	Weslaco
TMD	GTP	10	5	En Route	Weslaco
TMD	GTP	10	5	Assigned	Weslaco
TMD	GTCHQ	11	2	Assigned	Corpus Christi
TMD	GTCHQ	11	2	Assigned	Weslaco
TMD	Shelter Operations Team (SOT)	13		Assigned	Edcouch
TMD	SOT	11		Assigned	Weslaco
TMD	SOT	2		Assigned	La Feria
TMD	Shelter Operations HQ	3		En Route	RGV
TMD	POD	12		Assigned	Raymondville

Type	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
TMD	MDC	1		Assigned	Corpus Christi
TPWD	SOC LNO	2	2	Assigned	Austin/SOC
TPWD	DDC 21 Liaison	1	1	Assigned	DDC 21 EOC
TPWD	Game Wardens	25	25	Assigned	Hidalgo/Cameron
TPWD	Game Wardens	4	2	Assigned	Starr/Zapata
TPWD	State Park Police	10	10	Assigned	Hidalgo/Cameron
TPWD	Swift Water Boats	5	7	Assigned	Hidalgo/Cameron
TPWD	Shallow Water Boats	15	15	Assigned	Hidalgo/Cameron
TPWD	Helicopter	2	1	Assigned	Austin
TPWD	UAS (Drones)	3	3	Activated	Kleberg

**FINAL COMMENTS:** The State Operations Center (SOC) is at Level II (Escalated Response Conditions). The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor the situation and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

**The four levels of SOC activation are:**

- Level I (Emergency Conditions)
- Level II (Escalated Response Conditions)
- Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)
- Level IV (Normal Conditions)

*This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at: <https://tdem.texas.gov/situation-reports/>*

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